

Maoribank Tearooms - Maori Bank Store & Dairy

The Maoribank Tea Rooms (later Store & Dairy) according to folk lore was established in 1930. I have been unable to locate any information about the tearooms until 1932.

Motor vehicles outside a store Maoribank Upper Hutt



(Reference Digital NZ National Library ½-046232-G Two buses and a car outside a store in Maoribank Upper Hutt. A woman stands next to the car. Taken by Sydney Charles Smith)

The tearooms were once situated Main Road North but the building is now numbered 1185 Fergusson Drive Maoribank.

Evening Post newspaper 15 February 1932

Strayed into Maori Bank Tea Rooms, Small Black Dog with white front. Owner can have same on paying cost of advt.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 15 February 1932 page 1)

Evening Post newspaper 07 December 1933 & 11-19 January 1934

Maori Bank Tearooms – here is a charming picnic ground in a beautiful setting of the finest river scenery in the Valley. Unsurpassed river swimming facilities. Meals and teas at all hours.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 December 1933 page 2)

1935 Otaki Electoral Roll

- Edward QUINN Maori Bank Upper Hutt farmer
- Alice QUINN Maori Bank Upper Hutt married

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 10 January 1936



(Reference Papers past website Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper 10 January 1936 page 2)

Evening Post newspaper 01 April 1936

Through the courtesy of Mr and Mrs E Quinn the function was held at the Maori Bank Tearooms and there was a large attendance.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 01 April 1936 page 16)

Comment – I am unsure if Alice and Edward QUINN were proprietors of the Maoribank tearooms or may have just hired the tearooms for the function.

Upper Hutt Leader 03 August 1939

Lost Pair Pince Nez Spectacles finder return to Maori Bank Tea Rooms - Reward

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 03 August 1939 volume 1 number 31)

Evening Post newspaper 12 December 1939

At Maoribank in the Mangaroa Road a house on the hillside owned by Mr Christie slipped down twelve feet and is now overhanging a cliff face. A child was apparently the only occupant of the house. She was rescued by the occupants of the Maoribank tearooms who heard the house creaking as it moved.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 12 December 1939 page 10)

1946-1950 Joseph Thomas & Mary Cecilia EVANS

1946 Otaki Electoral Roll

Joseph Thomas EVANS Maori Bank Upper Hutt tearooms proprietor

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

1949 Otaki Electoral Roll

- Joseph Thomas EVANS Maori Bank Upper Hutt tearooms proprietor
- Mary EVANS Maori Bank Upper Hutt married

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Upper Hutt Leader 31 August 1950

Following are members of the local Red Cross Committee whom you can contact [various names and places including] **Mrs Evans Maoribank Tea Rooms.**

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Upper Hutt Leader 31 August 1950 volume XII number 35)

1949 – 1960 Clifford Arthur & Muriel Hawthorne MARSDEN

1949 Otaki Electoral Roll

- Clifford Arthur MARSDEN Maoribank Tea Rooms Upper Hutt proprietor
- Muriel Hawthorne MARSDEN Maoribank Tea Rooms Upper Hutt married

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection view from Maoribank tea rooms 1952 P2-33-68)

A 1952 view of Te Awa Kairangi / Hutt River taken from Maoribank tea rooms (presently a Dairy) looking upstream.

Upper Hutt Leader 03 July 1952

It is with regret the Red Queen Committee announces that the Social Evening at Maoribank Tea rooms is off.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 03 July 1952 volume IX number 26)

1954 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

- Clifford A MARSDEN Maoribank Tea Rooms Upper Hutt proprietor
- Muriel H MARSDEN Maoribank Tea Rooms Upper Hutt married

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Upper Hutt Leader 29 August 1957

Saturday night is the dance at Maoribank Tearooms and Sunday the Old Timers game will be played at the Park at 2 pm. All supporters will be welcome

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 29 August 1957 volume XIV number 33)

Upper Hutt Leader 19 June 1958

Weyburne & Co have been instructed by the owners Mr and Mrs Marsden to sell the whole of the contents of the Maoribank Tearooms (just north of Upper Hutt) on the premises Saturday next 21 June at 10.30 am sharp

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 19 June 1958 volume XV number 23)

I believe between 1958 and 1959 the Maoribank Tea Rooms ceased to operate and the building became the function of the Maoribank Store & Dairy.

Upper Hutt Leader 17 July 1958

Water Supply to Hutt County – An investigation on Friday evening together with an early Sunday morning inspection of the mains and services between Akatarawa River and Maoribank Tearooms plus at midnight Sunday to am Monday inspection of the line between Upper Hutt Boundary and Maoribank Tearooms disclosed no major defects. Two small leaks were pin pointed during these operations one at the culvert bridge by Clouston Park Estate and the other by the bus stop by the Maoribank Tearooms.

(Reference Upper Hutt Library website Upper Hutt Leader 17 July 1958 volume XV number 27)

Muriel Hawthorne and Clifford Arthur MARSDEN were recorded in local newspapers in 1958 as the Maoribank Tea Rooms and 1959 the Maoribank Store.

Upper Hutt Leader 17 December 1959

Maoribank Store – Mrs C Marsdon Maoribank Store in wishing his customers the Season's Greetings extends to them the very best for the coming year with the hope that 1960 will be a Happy and Prosperous one.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 17 December 1959 volume XVI number 49)

Upper Hutt Leader 24 November 1960

The Festive Season approaches, of interest to residents of Maoribank Te Marua, Cliff Marsden's Maoribank Store has extensive Stocks of all Household Necessities, Novelties and Luxuries. The prices are right too. Please pay us a visit.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 24 November 1960 volume XVII number 48)

Upper Hutt Leader 24 November 1960

Store – Mrs C Marsdon Maoribank Store in wishing his customers the Season's Greetings extends to them the very best for the coming year with the hop that 1960 will be a Happy and Prosperous one.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 24 November 1960 volume XVII number 48)

Maoribank Store and Diary

1963 Heretaunga Electoral Roll

Clifford A MARSDEN Maori Bank Store Upper Hutt Dairy Proprietor

(Reference Ancestry website New Zealand Electoral Rolls)

Upper Hutt Leader 11 July 1963

Grocery & Dairy – We wish to announce that Maoribank Store is now under new management. Personal service and delivery Phone 3214 Cash Terms

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library website Upper Hutt Leader 11 July 1963 volume XX number 26)

Who was the new manager?

In 1971 Jim and Shirley Frances DE LA HAYS became the proprietors and shareholders of the Maoribank Store Limited.

1971-1976 Maoribank Store Limited

- 13 July 1971 Certificate of Incorporation Maoribank Store Limited
- Document Declaration of Compliance & Memorandum of Association & Articles of Association & Notice of registered office (Neck & Pope Solicitors Upper Hutt) Directors Jim De La Hays

- 40 Norana Road Maoribank Grocer 1000 shares & Shirley Frances De La Hays 40 Norana Road Maoribank Married Women 1000 shares total 2000 shares
- Burns, Philip & Company Limited Wellington – Australian and New Zealand Banking Group \$6,150 –Jim and Shirely Frances De La Hays & Debenture document (27 July 1971 Maoribank Store Amount Secured \$6,150 Bank Guarantee and \$1,250 and further Advances Burns Philip & Company Limited)
 - 10 July 1972 Annual Return Directors Jim De La Hays 40 Norana Road Maoribank Grocer 1000 shares & Shirley Frances De La Hays 40 Norana Road Maoribank Grocer 1000 shares total 2000 shares
 - 29 August 1973 Annual Return Directors Jim De La Hays 40 Norana Road Maoribank Grocer 1000 shares & Shirley Frances De La Hays 40 Norana Road Maoribank Grocer assistant 1000 shares total 2000 shares
 - 1973 Partial Release of Debenture
 - 21 August 1974 Annual Return Directors Jim De La Hays 40 Norana Road Maoribank Grocer 1000 shares & Shirley Frances De La Hays 40 Norana Road Maoribank Grocer assistant 1000 shares total 2000 shares
 - Maoribank Stores Limited W1971/607 The above Company creased trading operation as at June 1973 and final accounts have been filed with the Inland Revenue as at 31 March 1974. The Directors of the Company have decided that as all financial matters have been completed the Company should cease to exist and be removed from your files. Chartered Accountant Joan P Whelan 98 Longfellow Street Upper Hutt
 - 16 January 1976 stuck off the Company Register Maoribank Store Limited (W1971/607
(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R15432067 Maoribank Store Limited Record No 9354 Alternative RN 1971/607 FA Ref CO-W1 date 1971-1976 Registrar of Companies Wellington Agency Code ADSN Accession W2348 Series 17631 box 1122 open access)

In 1973 Jim and Shirley Frances DE LA HAYS ceased trading operation as at June 1973 of the Maoribank Store Limited.

Maoribank Motors Limited (L) Liquidation Archives NZ Wellington R11815705 date 1986-1986 box 184 alternative record M500/1986 record number C568 open access

Around 1985 planning for the River Road extension and development. Main Road North was relined and traffic lights were place in front of the buildings of the former Maori Bank Tea Rooms, Store & Dairy.

Miscellaneous information about Maori Bank Tea Rooms

By the 1930s visitors were able to visit the Maoribank tea rooms which were perched on the roadside with an expansive view of the river and farmland below. The tearooms is now a lounge of the Maoribank Store but the view is still one of beauty especially at night with the river separating the lights of the city area from those of the Totara Park. For many years a life belt was provided for swimmers on the opposite bank. This being attached to a post. There is no record of any drownings but to watch the local children diving from the bridge into the deep water below can be hair raising. [J Cowan Auckland Star 19 January 1931 / no trace]

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Recollect website c1985 Maoribank A Local History publication 176 by B Welch)

For many years the Maoribank Service Station and the Maoribank Store have been landmarks for people travelling to the Wairarapa “Last petrol station this side of the Rimutaka” or for Wairarapa people travelling to Wellington the Maoribank Store was a frequent stopping place for

afternoon tea until the tea-rooms at the store closed in the late 1940s. For giving directions to the Mangaroa Valley the instructions would be “first turn on the right after the Maoribank Service Station” or “turn left at the Store and Service Station” depending on which direction one was travelling.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection recollect website Maoribank A Local History publication 176 by Jack Kelleher c1985)

Although some signs of the old times disappear without a trace, others linger on, sometimes in unexpected places. At one time there was a tea-room providing a welcome break from travellers on State Highway 2. Today it sits at an intersection with traffic lights, while the modern River Road brings traffic roaring past its doors on the way to the Wairarapa. We call the Maoribank Dairy, and it saved locals a two mile trip in to town.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection website Wednesday Writers and Friends 2002 publication 46 by Colin Craigie)

The former Maoribank Tea Rooms and Store building is still situated on the same site but the address is now 1185 Fergusson Drive Clouston Park Upper Hutt. The building is of weatherboard wall construction roof steel/galvanized iron built 1930 Lot 2 Deposited Plan 14279

(Reference <https://www.propertyvalue.co.nz>)

Comment - While Glenda Leete was renovating the building she located a mural on the wall which had been covered with wallpaper. The name on the mural was Pamela Searel. Comment – It may have been Pamela Margaret Searle.

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People associated with Maoribank Tearooms and Maoribank Store & Dairy

Joseph Thomas & Mary Cecilia EVANS

0- **Joseph Thomas EVANS** born 21 December 1892 Brockley London England died 03 August 1964 Napier New Zealand married 1930 New Zealand **Mary Cecilia HYLAND** born 13 May 1903 Waimate Canterbury New Zealand died 02 July 1986 Napier New Zealand
#1928 Oamaru Electoral Roll Mary Cecilia HYLAND Public Hospital Oamaru spinster
#Mary HYLAND born 13 May 1903 New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1903 folio website 1903/234 parents Mary and John Hyland
#Joseph Thomas EVANS married 1930 New Zealand Mary Cecilia HYLAND reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1930 folio website 1930/8609
#1935 Wellington North Electoral Roll Joseph Thomas EVAN 2 Sieverston Terrace warehouseman & Mary Cecilia 2 Sieverston Terrace married
#1946 Otaki Electoral Roll Joseph Thomas EVANS Maori Bank Upper Hutt tearooms proprietor
#1949 Otaki Electoral Roll Joseph Thomas EVANS Maori Bank Upper Hutt tearooms proprietor & Mary EVANS Maori Bank Upper Hutt married
#1954 Heretaunga Electoral Roll Joseph Thomas EVANS 11 Brown Street Upper Hutt tearoom proprietor & Mary EVANS 11 Brown Street Upper Hutt married & Margaret Katherine EVANS 11 Brown Street Upper Hutt spinster & Annette Rose EVANS 11 Brown Street Upper Hutt spinster

#1957 Napier Electoral Roll Joseph Thomas Ferguson Road clerk & Mary EVANS Ferguson Street Bayview married & Annette Rose EVANS Ferguson Street Bayview clerk & Margaret Katherine EVANS Ferguson Street Bayview shop assistant

#Joseph Thomas EVANS died 1964 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1964 folio website 1964/38688 age 71 born about 1893

#Mary EVANS died 02 July 1986 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1986 folio website 1986/43017 born 13 May

#In loving memory of Joseph Thomas EVANS 3rd August 1964 and his loved wife Mary EVANS 02nd July 1986. Loved parents of Margaret & Annette RIP headstone Napier cemetery

Clifford Arthur & Muriel Hawthorne MARSDEN

0- **Clifford Arthur MARSDEN** born 17 November 1909 Christchurch New Zealand died 26 September 1973 Wellington New Zealand married 1939 New Zealand **Muriel Hawthorne JENKINS** born 30 September 1916 Wellington New Zealand died 07 March 1961 Wellington New Zealand

#Clifford Arthur MARSDEN born 17 November 1909 Christchurch New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1909 folio website 1909/13993 parents Sarah nee Karst and Arthur Marsden

#Muriel Hawthorne JENKINS born 30 September 1916 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ birth registration 1916 folio website 1916/26734 parents Jessie Muriel and Lewis Jenkins

#Clifford Arthur MARSDEN married 1939 New Zealand Muriel Hawthorne JENKINS reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1939 folio website 1939/14469

#1946 Mount Victoria Electoral Roll Clifford Arthur MARSDEN 4 Robieson Road clerk & Muriel; Hawthorne MARSDEN 4 Robieson Road married

#1949 Otaki Electoral Roll Clifford Arthur MARSDEN Maoribank Te Rooms Upper Hutt proprietor & Muriel; Hawthorne MARSDEN Maoribank Te Rooms Upper Hutt married

#1954 Heretaunga Electoral Roll Clifford A MARSDEN Maoribank Tea Rooms Upper Hutt proprietor & Muriel H MARSDEN Maoribank Tea Rooms Upper Hutt married

#1957 Heretaunga Electoral Roll Clifford Arthur MARSDEN Main Road North Upper Hutt caterer & Muriel Hawthorne MARSDEN Main Road North Upper Hutt married

#Note Main Road North was where the Maoribank Tea Rooms were once situated

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#1960 Heretaunga Electoral Roll Clifford Arthur MARSDEN Main Road North Maoribank caterer & Muriel Hawthorne MARSDEN Main Road North Upper Hutt married

#Muriel Hawthorne MARSDEN died 07 March 1961 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1961 folio website 1961/22830 age 43 born about 1918

#1972 Heretaunga Electoral Roll Clifford Arthur MARSDEN 11 Molloys Road retired

#Clifford Arthur MARSDEN died 26 September 1973 Wellington New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1973 folio website 1973/47630 born 17 November 1909

Edward and Alice QUINN

0- **Edward QUINN** married 1917 New Zealand **Alice WILLIAMS**

#Edward QUINN married 1917 New Zealand Alice WILLIAMS reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1917 folio website 1917/3093

#1935 Otaki Electoral Roll Edward QUINN Maori Bank Upper Hutt farmer & Alice QUINN
Maori Bank Upper Hutt married

#1941 Wairarapa Electoral Roll Edward QUINN Maoribank Upper Hutt farmer & Alice QUINN
Maoribank Upper Hutt married

#their daughter Monica Mary QUINN became engaged to George James PECK reference
Auckland Star newspaper 18 July 1936
